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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A packaged solution for use in conjunction with a planned medical procedure on a neonatal infant, comprising:

an individual cup-shaped container not attached to any other container having a greater width than a depth and defining having a cavity defined therein opening to a mouth;

a volume of a solution comprising sucrose and water disposed within the cavity, wherein the solution comprises about 10% to about 50% sucrose with a remainder of the solution comprising water; and

C1 a cover disposed over the mouth and attached to the container around the mouth to seal sealing the solution within the cavity, wherein the cover is defined by a material that is less rigid than a material defining the cup-shaped container, such that the cover can be incrementally removed from the container, and;

_____ wherein the solution and an interior of the container are in an aseptic state.

2. (Previously Presented) The packaged solution of claim 1, wherein the cover includes a lateral protrusion extending beyond a lateral extent of the cup shape of the container.

3. (Previously Presented) The packaged solution of claim 2, wherein the container includes a peripheral flange about the mouth, and the cover extends peripherally at least to an outer end of the peripheral flange.

4. (Original) The packaged solution of claim 3, wherein the peripheral flange includes a lateral protrusion and the lateral protrusion of the cover is substantially aligned therewith.

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Claim 5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) The packaged solution of claim 5, wherein the container includes a peripheral flange about the mouth, and the cover extends peripherally at least to an outer end of the peripheral flange.

7. (Original) The packaged solution of claim 6, wherein the cover is sealed to the peripheral flange.

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Claims 8 and 9. (Cancelled).

10. (Original) The packaged solution of claim 1, wherein the solution comprises about 24% USP grade liquid sucrose to about 76% clean water.

Claim 11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a solution for use in conjunction with a planned medical procedure on a neonatal infant, comprising:

preparing a solution comprising sucrose and water;

packaging the solution in single-use cup-shaped containers, wherein each container is not attached to any other container and includes a cavity defined therein opening to a mouth and a cover disposed over the mouth sealed to the container around the mouth;

~~assembling~~ providing a plurality of the single-use containers in a shipping container;

shipping the shipping container to an intended site of usage of the solution;

opening an individual, single-use container of the solution prior to the planned medical procedure;

providing a pacifier having a first end and a second end;

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_____ administering a selected volume dose of the solution orally to the neonatal infant by dipping the first end of the pacifier into the solution and thereafter inserting the first end of the pacifier into a mouth of a patient; and

discarding any residual solution within the opened, individual, single-use container after the planned medical procedure.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising maintaining the solution in each single-use container in an aseptic state after packaging until opening thereof for the planned medical procedure.

Claim 14. (Cancelled).

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising formulating the solution to comprise between about 10% and about 50% sucrose with a remainder of the solution comprising water.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 12, further comprising formulating the solution to comprise about 24% USP grade liquid sucrose to 76% clean water.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of administering a solution to a neonatal infant, comprising:

providing a solution comprising sucrose and water in an aseptic state and in a volume selected for single patient use within a sealed single-use cup-shaped container, wherein each container is not attached to any other container and includes a cavity defined therein opening to a mouth and a cover disposed over the mouth sealed to the container around the mouth;

opening the container by peeling the cover from the mouth;

providing a pacifier having a first end and a second end;

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_____ withdrawing a selected dose of the solution from the opened container by dipping the first end of the pacifier into the solution and thereafter and thereafter administering the selected dose of the solution to the neonatal infant by inserting the first end of the pacifier into a mouth of a patient; and

discarding any residual solution with the container.

Claim 18. (Cancelled).

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising providing the solution as between about 10% and about 50% sucrose with a remainder of the solution comprising water.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising providing the solution as about 24% USP grade liquid sucrose to about 76% clean water.